

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 25, 2004

First Selectwoman Evonne M. Klein called the Public Hearing to order at 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Town Hall.

Present were Selectmen Harrel, Miceli, Thorne and Santarella. Also present Wayne Fox, Town Counsel; Dr. Margaret McLaughlin, Director of Health; Vince Proto, Director of Environmental Health.

First Selectwoman Evonne M. Klein stated that the hearing was being held regarding proposed increases in the parking fees. She said the current fee was \$235 for an annual parking permit, and \$2.50/day for a parking voucher, and that the proposed increase for the annual parking permit was \$288 and \$3 for the voucher. (written comments attached).

First Selectwoman Evonne M. Klein added that other items were proposed ordinances regarding Barbershops, Hairdressing and Cosmetology Shops; and a Public Pool Code.

Mr. Harrel noted that any emails that have been received by the Selectmen's Office should become part the record tonight.

First Selectwoman Evonne M. Klein then asked for comments from the public.

Mr. Jim Cameron of 55 DuBois Street spoke about parking fees. He said he placed fliers at the railroad stations to let commuters know of upcoming parking fee increases.

He pointed out that the 50 cents per day parking voucher amounts to an annual increase of \$125 versus the annual permit fee increase of \$33. He said that the annual fee should be higher and that Stamford's annual permit fee is \$780 and Norwalk's is \$650. He said that the wait list for a parking permit is 4 or 5 years. He added that there are those who have them hold on to them, even if they do not use them, and that a higher annual permit fee would help to get them out of the system.

Mr. Cameron spoke about several other issues regarding the parking fees such as the number of spaces, counterfeit permit stickers and additional improvements to the stations (statement attached).

First Selectwoman Evonne M. Klein stated that new improved parking permits were being issued this year

Mr. Dave Kenny of Wilson Ridge Road commented on the parking at the Post 53 side of Noroton Heights Station saying that the rates should be advertised as an incentive to get people to go there.

First Selectwoman Evonne M. Klein asked for comments from the public regarding the proposed ordinances on Barbershops, Hairdressing and Cosmetology Shops; and a Public Pool Code. There were no comments from the public.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the public hearing at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Hanafee
Recording Secretary